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March 10, 2021

The Honorable Chris R. Holden, Chair
Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy
California State Capitol, Room 5132
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 322 (SALAS) AS INTRODUCED ON JANUARY 26, 2021 – ENERGY: ELECTRIC PROGRAM INVESTMENT CHARGE PROGRAM: BIOMASS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 322 (AB 322), as introduced January 26, 2021.

AB 322, if enacted, would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) to allocate not less than 20 percent of the funds appropriated for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program to fund biomass energy projects, with priority going to advanced technologies that reduce air pollution, provide carbon negative emissions, and produce beneficial coproducts such as biochar.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation as it would help reduce emissions of the most damaging climate and air pollutants by providing a beneficial alternative to open burning and landfilling of biomass waste. By encouraging biomass conversion projects, the bill would reduce air pollution from direct combustion of waste biomass. AB 322 will stimulate jobs, economic development, and increased energy security in many regions of the State, both rural and urban, that generate woody biomass

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally

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Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **Supports** AB 322. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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